

An A B S T R A C T of the several Acts following, Passed
Anno Quarto ANNÆ REGINÆ.

An Abstract of the Act for Granting an Aid to Her Majesty by a Land Tax to be Raised in the Year, 1706.

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pag. 7. **F**OR Enabling Her Majesty to carry on the present War with Success, Enacted, That the Sum of 1997763 l. 3 s. 4 d. 1. shall be raised in One Year, from 25 Mar. 1706. in the several Counties in England, &c. according to the Proportions set down in the Act.

pag. 13. Towards raising the same, all Persons, Bodies-Politick, &c. having Estates in Ready Money, or Debts, &c. or in Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, &c. or Personal Estate (except such Sums as they *bona fide* owe, or Desperate Debts deducted, and also except Stock on Land, and Household-stuff, and Loans or Debts owing from the Queen) shall pay 4 s. per Pound for One Year, or 24 s. per Cent. according to the true yearly Value thereof: And all Persons having any Publick Employment of Profit (except Military Officers in the Muster-Master General's Muster of the Army or Navy) and their Agents, Clerks, &c. to pay 4 s. for every 20 s. they receive in One Year, for Salaries, Gratuities, Fees, &c. And all Persons, Guilds, &c. having any Pension, Annuity, Stipend, &c. out of the Receipt of the Exchequer (not issuing out of Lands, &c. otherwise charged, or out of Annuities, &c. exempted from Taxes by Acts of Parliament) shall pay 4 s. for every 20 s. by the Year, for every such Pension, Stipend, &c.

pag. 14. All Manors, Messuages, Lands, &c. and all Quarries, Mines of Coal, &c. Iron-works, Salt-springs, Salt-works, and all Allom-mines or works, all Parks, Chases, &c. Fishings, Tythes, Tolls, &c. all Hereditaments of what kind soever; and all Persons, Bodies-Politick, &c. having any such Manors, &c. to be charged with as much Equality and Indifferency as possible by a Pound-Rate, and to be levied and paid into the Exchequer by Four Quarterly Payments, whereof the first Payment to be made by 24 June, 1706.

Manors, Messuages, &c. subject to Rent-Charges or Annuities, &c. or to the Payment of Fee-Farm-Rents, &c. where the true Owners of such Manors, Lands, &c. do not receive to their own Use the true yearly Value thereof, the Landlords, Owners and Proprietors of such Manors, &c. being charged with a Pound Rate, may abate and deduct out of such Fee-Farm-Rents, &c. so much of the said Pound-Rate, which shall be Assessed on the said Manors, &c. so as such Rent amounts to 20 s. per Annum, and all Persons entitled to such Rents or Annual Payments, to allow such Deductions, without any Fee.

pag. 15. The Persons named by this Act (duly qualified) to be Commissioners, &c.

pag. 99. The Commissioners to meet on or before 8 April, 1706. and afterwards as often as is necessary for putting this Act in Execution, and to ascertain the several Proportions which ought to be charged on every Hundred, Division, &c. according to the Assessment on the Aid of 4 s. in the Pound, granted Anno 4 W. & M. and may subdivide themselves, so as three or more be appointed for each Hundred or Division, but not to restrain the said Commissioners from acting as Commissioners in any other part of the County.

pag. 100. Lists of the Commissioners Names agreed on to Act in each Division, to be delivered to the Receiver General; and the said Commissioners are required to cause the several Proportions charged on the respective Hundreds, &c. to be equally Assessed; and for that end to summon fit Persons to be Assessors, requiring them to appear at a Place, and Time not exceeding Six Days, and Charge them with the Execution of this Act: And Persons so summoned, absenting themselves (without lawful Excuse on Oath of two Witnesses) or refusing to serve, to forfeit a Sum not exceeding 5 l. And two of the most sufficient Inhabi-

pag. 101. tants of each Parish, shall be appointed Assessors of all the Rates by this Act imposed; and a Day and Place to be prefixed for the Assessors, to bring in their Assessments; who are strictly enjoined to assess the full Sum given them in Charge on all Ready Money, Debts, Personal Estates, Offices, Annuities, &c. and by an Equal Pound-Rate on all Manors, Lands, &c. and bring with them a Certificate of their said Assessments, and return the Names of two able Persons to be Collectors of the Money Assessed, and to be paid by this Act, for whom the Parish or Place where they are so employed, shall be answerable; and if any Assessor so appointed neglect or refuse to serve, &c. (not having a lawful Excuse) for such default shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding 40 l. to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods, &c. And for completing the whole Sum charged, the Assessors are to deliver a fair Copy of their Assessments to the Commissioners within the time prefixed; who are required to Sign and Seal Two Duplicates thereof, and deliver One of them to the Collectors (whom the Commissioners are to nominate) with Warrant for Collecting the same, and the other to the Receiver General: And to cause a like Duplicate to be transmitted to the Remembrancers Office, &c. before 8 Aug. 1706. or within 20 Days after, (all Appeals being first determined) for which Duplicates the Remembrancer, or his Deputy, shall give a Receipt gratis, under Penalty of 10 l.

The Collectors are to levy all the Rates so charged, and demand the Assessments of the Parties themselves, or at the Place of their last Abode, or upon the Premises charged, and pay the same unto the Receiver General or his Deputy, at such Time and Place as the Commissioners shall appoint, so as the whole Sum due for each Quarterly Payment be paid at the Times appointed by this Act.

The Money received by the Collectors shall be duly paid to the Receiver General, or Deputies appointed under his Hand and Seal, of whom he shall give notice to the Commissioners in 10 days next after the next General Meeting, and so within 10 days after the Death or Removal of any Deputy; and the Receipt of the Receiver General, or his Deputy, to be a sufficient Discharge to the Collectors, &c. For the Payment whereof, the Collectors not to be obliged to travel above 10 miles from their Habitation.

pag. 103. 499440 l. 15 s. 10 d. 1. for the first Quarterly Payment, shall be paid to the Receiver General before 24 June, 1706. and the like Sum for the second before 29 Sept. 1706. the third Payment by 25 Dec. 1706. and the fourth by 25 Mar. 1707.

The Receivers General within a Month after receiving the full Sum charged on any Hundred or Division, for each particular Payment, shall give the Commissioners a Receipt, which shall be a full Discharge to such Hundred, &c. for the same. And the said Receivers General within 20 Days after their Receipt, shall pay the Money into the Exchequer, and the Lord Treasurer, &c. to allow them 2 d. in the Pound, on clearing their Accompts.

The Collectors on Payment of the whole Sum appointed by this Act, may detain Three Pence in the Pound for Collecting the same; And the Receivers General shall allow (by Warrant from the Commissioners) Three Half-pence in the Pound to the Commissioners Clerks, for fair writing the Assessments, Duplicates, &c.

pag. 104. In case of Non-payment, Collectors may levy by Distress and Sale of Goods, after keeping the same Four Days at the Owners Charge; and if the Assessment be not then paid, the said Distress to be Appraised, and Sold, and the Overplus returned. Moreover, it shall be lawful to break open Houses in the Day-time, and upon Warrant under two Commissioners Hands, any Chest, Trunk, &c. calling the Constables to their Assistance, &c. And where Differences happen, on taking such Distress, the Commissioners to determine the same. And if any Person refuse to pay the

the Assessment, by the space of 10 Days after demand, or convey away his Goods, &c. such Person (except a Peer or Peerefs of this Realm) shall by Warrant from Two Commissioners be committed to Goal, until Payment be made.

pag. 105 Tenants to pay the Tax, and deduct the same out of their Rent, and Landlords to allow such Deductions.

Tenants paying the Assessments, to be discharged for what they so pay; and Differences arising between Landlord and Tenant, or others, concerning the Rates, the Commissioners to settle the same; and Persons agrieved in being over-rated, and complaining to the Commissioners, may in Six Days after Demand of the Assessment be relieved: And Appeals once heard and determined, to be Final. In case the Proportion set on any County, City, &c. be not fully Assessed and Paid, or if the said Assessments be imposed on Persons not able to pay the same, or on Empty Houses, or Land, where the same cannot be levied, &c. the Commissioners, &c. are to Re-assess the respective Divisions, &c. where such Dencency shall happen, as shall seem most agreeable to Equity and Justice.

Assessors, Collectors, or others, wilfully neglecting or refusing to perform their Duty in the Execution of this Act, may be fined by the Commissioners, in a Sum not exceeding 40 l. which Fine not to be taken off, but by the said Commissioners Consent, &c. And all Fines to be paid to the Receivers General, and by them into the Exchequer, and inserted in the Duplicates.

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Collectors neglecting or refusing to pay the Monies by them received, as the Act directs, shall be imprisoned, and their Estates seized, and the Commissioners at a General Meeting to be appointed for that purpose, in case the Monies detained be not paid, may sell such Collectors Estate, and pay the Receiver General the Sum so detained.

The Commissioners may call the Collectors before them, and examine whether the Money charged on each Division, &c. be fully Collected, and returned to the Receivers General, and by them paid into the Exchequer, and in case of Failure, to cause the same to be forthwith levied and paid.

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In case any Controversie arise concerning the Assessments, which concerns any of the Commissioners, such Commissioners to withdraw during the Debate, and in Default to be fined, not exceeding 20 l. And all Questions and Differences arising touching the said Rates, to be heard and finally determined by the Commissioners.

No Privileged Place or Person, Body Politick or Corporate, to be exempt from the Assessments, nor Fee-Farm-Rents, &c. but the Tenants to pay them proportionably as is appointed by the Act, and be saved harmless.

Nothing in this Act shall extend to charge any College or Hall in either of the Two Universities, or the Colleges of Windsor, Eaton, Winton or Westminster, the Corporation for Relief of the Poor Widows and Children of Clergymen, or Bromley-College, or any Hospital, for or in respect of the Sites thereof, &c. or any Master, Fellow, Scholar or Exhibitioner, Reader, Officer, or Minister of the said Universities, Colleges, &c. for their Stipends, Wages, &c. Nor to charge the Houses or Lands, which on 25 March, 1693. did belong to any College or Hall, or to Christs-Hospital, St. Bartholomew, Bridewell, St. Thomas and Bethlehem-Hospital, or the Corporation of Clergymens Widows, or to Bromley-College, or any other Hospital, &c. in respect only of Rents payable to them on the said 25 Mar. 1693. for the immediate Relief of the Poor thereof.

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No Tenants that hold Lands or Houses by Lease or Grant from the said Corporation, or Hospital's, &c. shall claim or enjoy any Exemption by this Act, but be Assessed for so much as they are yearly worth, above the reserved Rents.

Tenants to Colleges, Hospitals, &c. who are obliged by their Leases to pay Taxes, shall pay the same.

In case of any Question how far any Lands or Tenements belonging to any Hospital or Alms-house, not excepted by Name in this Act, ought to be charged, the same shall be determined by the Commissioners, whose Determination shall be Final.

Lands or Rents belonging to any Hospital, &c. as were Assessed Anno 4 W. & M. shall be charged to this present Aid, and no other.

Auditors, Reeves, Receivers, &c. of Chief-Rents, Fee Farm-Rents, &c. due to Her Majesty or Queen Dowager, or Persons claiming under the Crown, shall allow 4 s. per Pound to the Parties paying the same, without Fee, on Penalty of 20 l.

If any Auditor, &c. let in for any Tenant, &c. p. 109 for any Sum which ought to be allowed by this Act, or shall refuse or neglect to allow the same, shall forfeit 200 l. to the Party grieved, and be incapable to enjoy his Office, or any other Place of Trust, &c.

Officers of the Exchequer, &c. are to deliver to the Assessors gratis, true Lists of all Pensions, Annuities or other Annual Payments, and of all Fees, Salaries, &c. payable at the said Receipt; And the Tax on all such Pensions, Annuities, &c. payable at the Exchequer, or by the Cofferer of the Queens Household, &c. may in case of Non-payment be stoppt out of the same, &c. and the Officers of the Exchequer, &c. are to keep true Accompts of all Monies so stoppt, and give the proper Collectors Copies thereof.

Any Person inhabiting in London, or any other City or Town-Corporate, and having Goods or Merchandizes in one or more Parishes or Wards within the same, shall be Taxed for such Goods in the Parish where he dwelleth, and not elsewhere.

No Clause or Proviso in this Act, shall lessen the full Sum appointed to be paid; nor be construed to alter or make void any Contract or Agreement between Landlord and Tenant, or others, touching the Payment of Taxes.

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All Places, &c. which have been used to be Taxed, shall pay in such County, Hundred, &c. where usually Assessed, and not elsewhere.

West-Barnfield Hundred may be Assessed in the Lathe of Stray in Kent; Little or Lesnes in the Hundred of Black-heath in the said County; Northmore-Tything in the Hundred of Bampton, Com. Oxon; Charlbury, Eallar, and Finstock Tythings, in the Hundred of Chadlington in the said County; the whole Town and Parish of Leeds in the Hundred of Skyrack, Com. Ebor. and the Forest of Coute shall pay where it was Assessed for the first 4 s. Aid, Granted to the late King William and Queen Mary.

Persons Sued for what they do in pursuance of this Act, may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence, and if the Plaintiff be Nonsuit, &c. the Defendant to recover Treble Costs.

Where Lands or Houses are unoccupied, and nor Distress found, by reason whereof the Parish or Place are forced to make good the Tax, the Collectors at any time after, may enter and distrain; and such Distress, if not redeemed within Four Days, may be sold, and the Money distributed proportionably to the Parties, who contributed to the Tax of such unoccupied Lands, &c.

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Where Wood-Lands are Assessed, and no Distress can be had, the Collectors by Warrant from the Commissioners, may cut and sell so much Wood (Timber-Trees excepted) as will Pay the Tax and Charges; and Persons buying the said Wood, may carry it away, rendring the Overplus (if any) to the Owner.

Where any Tax on Tythes, Tolls, Profits of Markets, &c. is not paid within Six Days after demanded, the Collectors by Warrant may seize and sell so much of the said Tythes, Tolls &c. as shall be sufficient for Levying the said Tax, rendring the Overplus, &c.

If any Receiver General shall return, or let in for in the Exchequer any Person who hath paid the Tax, he shall forfeit Treble Damages to the Party vexed, and to Her Majesty double the Sum so unjustly returned, &c.

The Commissioners in any County, City, &c. shall Assess each other, for their Ready Money, Debts, &c. as also for their Offices or Employments of Profit, &c. so as the usual Residence of such Commissioner be within the Division of such Commissioners by whom he is Taxed, and also that his Office, &c. be exercised in the same Division; And the Commissioners shall Assess the Assessors within their Division; and the said Assessments shall be levied as the same ought to have been, if such Commissioners had not been made Commissioners.

No Person shall be compelled to be an Assessor Collector out of the Limits of the City, Borough, &c. where he inhabits.

The Tax on the Houses where Ambassadors or reign Ministers inhabit, shall be paid by the Land or Owner.

In all Privileged and Extra-parochial Places, the Commissioners to appoint Assessors and Collectors.

No Commissioner, Assessor, &c. employed in the Execution of this Act, shall be liable to any the Penalties in the Act of 25 Car. 2. touching Popish Recusants, or in another Act made 1 W & M. for Abrogating the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, &c. or in one other Act made 13 & 14 W. 3. for the further Security of His Majesties Person, and the Succession of the Crown, &c.

113. No Commissioner shall be capable of Acting, until he hath taken the Oaths appointed by an Act 1 W & M. which Two of the Commissioners may Administer to any other.

Any Person presuming to Act as Commissioner before he hath taken the said Oaths, to forfeit 200 l.

Persons rated for Offices or Employments shall pay where the same are exercised.

The Master of the Rolls, &c. and all the Chancery-Officers within the Liberty of the Rolls, shall be there Assessed for their Offices, Salaries, &c. And Pensions, Stipends, Annuities, not charged on Lands, shall be charged in the Parishes where they are payable; and Persons rated for Personal-Estate, at such Place where Resident at the Execution of this Act; so likewise Persons not being Householders, and Persons out of the Realm, who ought to be Taxed for Personal-Estate, shall be rated where they last abode in this Realm.

Persons having Goods, Wares, &c. in any County, other than the County where resident, such Goods, &c. shall be Assessed in the County where the same shall be; And Persons rated for Manors, Lands, &c. shall be Assessed in the Places where they lie.

114. Persons doubly charged in respect of several Places of Residence, upon Certificate and Oath, to be discharged for so much as is Certified.

Act not to extend to Scotland, Ireland, Jersey or Guernsey, for Assessing any Personal-Estate in those Kingdoms and Islands.

Persons who by changing their Residence, &c. shall escape the Taxation shall be charged at treble the value.

Householders to give the Assessors, on demand, an Account of the Names and Qualities of Persons who sojourn or lodge in their Houses, under Penalty of 5 l.

115. Shares in the New-River, Thames, Marybone or Hampstead-Waters, &c. Offices of Insurance from Fire, Convex or other Lights, and Stock in the Queens Printing-House, to pay 4 s. in the Pound of the full yearly Value thereof. And all Companies of Merchants in London, the Bank of England, and all Salaries, Pensions, &c. payable at the Post-Office and Excise-Office, shall be Assessed by the Commissioners for London; and the same shall be paid by the Governors, Treasurers, &c. of the said River-Waters, &c. and of the said Offices and Stocks, and be deducted out of their next Dividend.

Persons having any Office in the Ward in London, where the Post-Office is situate, shall be there Assessed for their Salary.

Every Papist, or so reputed, of 18 Years and upwards, who shall not have taken the Oaths of 1 W & M to pay double.

Provided nevertheless, that if such Papist, or so reputed, within 10 Days after the first Meeting of the Commissioners, take the said Oaths, then not liable to be doubly Assessed.

Every Person of 18 Years of Age and upwards, refusing to take the said Oaths, or to appear on Summons before the Commissioners, shall pay double.

The Commissioners shall summon all Persons whom they have cause to suspect, to take the foresaid Oaths.

116. Quakers subscribing the Declaration of Fidelity, in an Act made 1 W & M. shall not be liable to pay double.

Assessors neglecting their Duty in making double Assessments on Papists, &c. the Commissioners are to cause such Papists to be doubly charged.

Where Owners of Lands, &c. are liable to be doubly charged as Papists, for not taking the Oaths, such Owners only shall be so charged, and the Tenants are hereby discharged.

The Queens-Bench Prison with the Lands, &c. and the Prison-House, Lands, &c. of the Marshalsea, with the Perquisites and Profits of the Marshalsea-Court and Prison, shall be Assessed in St. George's Parish in Southwark, and not elsewhere.

The Fleet-Prison, Prison-house, Lands, &c. and the Rents, Profits, &c. of the Warden of the Fleet,

shall be charged in St. Bride's Parish, London, and not elsewhere.

Officers of the Dock-Yard, now at Stoke-Damrel p. 117 near Plymouth, shall be Assessed for their Salaries, &c. in Plymouth, in the same Proportion as the Town of Plymouth was Assessed in 1693.

The Waterworks in Southwark shall be Assessed by the Commissioners for the County of Surrey, and not elsewhere.

The Water-works in Westminster shall be Assessed by the Commissioners for the City and Liberty of Westminster. And all Commissioners, Collectors, &c. are required to apply themselves with all Diligence to the speedy Execution of this Act, so that Her Majesties Service be not delayed, &c.

No Poor Person to be liable to the Pound-Rate, whose Lands, &c. are not 20 s. per Annum value.

If any Collector keep the Money in his hands, or pay any part thereof, other than to the Receiver General or His Deputy, to Forfeit 40 l. And any Receiver General or his Deputy, paying the same, other than into the Exchequer, shall for every such Offence Forfeit 500 l.

The Lord Treasurer, &c. not to direct any Warrants, p. 118. &c. for Payment of any Monies hereby given, other than into the Exchequer; nor shall the Officers of the Exchequer strike any Tallies of Pro or Anticipation on the same, nor the Tellers charge themselves with any of the said Money, until they actually receive the same.

No Stay of Prosecution, &c. shall be had or allowed by any Court, for the Recovery of any Penalties by this Act inflicted.

Manors, Lands, &c. Assessed at more than 4 s. per Pound of the full yearly value, the Commissioners upon Complaint made, and Proof thereof, may abate so much as exceeds the 4 s. per Pound, and re-assess such Abatements as they shall judge most reasonable, within the whole Hundred and Division, &c. or on Persons undercharged, so that the whole Sum charged on such Hundred, &c. be fully paid.

The Receivers General shall constitute proper Persons for their Deputies, for whom they shall be answerable, and to appoint so many of them, so as no Subcollector be forced to Travel above ten Miles from the Place of his Abode, for Payment of the Monies by him collected. And Receivers General neglecting or refusing to appoint such Deputies, or to attend themselves at the time and place for their Receipts, shall Forfeit 100 l. one Moiety to the Queen, and the other to the Prosecutor.

In case there be not a sufficient number of Commissioners for any City, Borough, &c. capable of acting, any Commissioner for the County at large, may act in such City or Place.

Members of Parliament, who during this Session shall abide in London and Westminster, &c. are to be Assessed for their Ready Money, &c. where they usually Reside during the Interval of Parliament.

The first General Meeting of the Commissioners p. 120. for the West-Riding of the County of York, to be held at Pontefract, for the North-Riding at Thurst, and for the East-Riding at Beverley.

A Book or Register to be kept by the Auditor of the Receipt, in which all the Monies paid into the Exchequer for the Duties hereby Granted, shall be entered apart.

No Person to be capable of acting as a Commissioner for any County at large in England or Wales (Anglesea, Merioneth, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Carmarthen, Montgomery and Carnarvon excepted) or for any of the Ridings in Yorkshire, unless by himself or his Tenants he was Taxed for 100 l. per Annum or more to the last years Land-Tax, or at the Execution of this Act he be liable to be taxed for the said value or more.

No Person appointed a Commissioner for this Act, shall be disabled from acting as a Commissioner for any City, Borough, &c. whereof he is an Inhabitant, nor from acting as a Commissioner in any of the Inns of Court, &c. And no Attorney, Solicitor, Receiver General, or Collector of Taxes, shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner.

Any Person disabled presuming to act as a Commissioner, &c. to forfeit 50 l.

Receivers of the Aulnage-Duties, and Collectors of p. 122. the New Water-works in Exeter, shall be charged with the Tax assessed on the Profits thereof, and the same

same to be allowed in their Accompts by the Proprietors for the time being.

Annuities to the Queen-Dowager, or to Prince George of Denmark, shall not be charged with the Duty of 4 s. per Pound.

This Act not to extend to charge the Pensions of any Superannuated Commission or Warrant-Sea-Officers, or the Pensions of Widows of Sea-Officers, slain in the Service, or the Revenue of the most Noble Order of the Garter, or the Pensions of the Poor Knights of Windsor, payable out of the Exchequer; but not to lessen the Sum provided by the Act.

Rents belonging to the Residentiaries of Cathedral Churches, being chargeable to this Land Tax, and the Overplus of the said Rents going in Shares for their Maintenance, the said Residentiaries shall not be further chargeable, as enjoying Offices of Profit out of the said Rents.

p. 122. This Act not to charge the Pension of 100 l. per ann. Granted by King Charles II. to the Poor Clergy of the Isle of Man.

Nor to charge the Pensions of Her Majesties Maids of Honour, Pages of Honour, and Women of Her Majesties Bed-chamber, called Dressers.

Mayors, Bailiffs, &c. appointed Commissioners, have Power to act in any Borough, Town, &c. where they inhabit at the Execution of this Act, as well where specially appointed, as not.

Offices and Places in the Palaces of Whitehall and St. James's, Assessed in the Year 1703. and 1704. or either of them (except such as are exempted by this Act) to be there Assessed, and not elsewhere.

Where any failure of raising the Sums charged on any County, Riding, &c. by this, or any former Acts, the Receivers General to make Oath, &c. where such failure hapned, with the Commissioners Names acting in such Division, &c. which Commissioners shall be liable to Process for such neglect.

Commissioners for the County of the City of Lincoln may act, &c. within the Bail and Close of Lincoln; and in the Parish of St. Martins Stamford Baron in Com. Northampton.

p. 123. The Commissioners of every Hundred, Division, &c. to call before them such Collectors, &c. their Heirs and Executors, &c. and examine what Sums have been levied, &c. under colour of former Acts upon the Unoccupied Lands, Houses, &c. made good by the Parishes, &c. over and above the Monies payable to the Receiver General; and to adjust the same, and to require such Collectors, &c. their Heirs, &c. to make proportionable Distributions to the parties Contributors therein, and the Overplus to be paid as the Commissioners direct for the ease of such Parishes, &c. such Collectors, their Heirs, &c. making Default therein, the Commissioners may recover the same by Commitment of Person, and Sale of his Estate, &c.

p. 124. Any Person or Persons, Natives or Foreigners, Bodies-Politick, &c. may lend Her Majesty on the Credit of this Act, any Sums, not exceeding 1850000 l. with Interest at 5 l. per Cent. and not to be taxed.

All Persons lending Money, as aforesaid, and paying the same into the Exchequer, shall have Tallies of Loan, and Orders for Repayment, and Interest to be paid every Three Months; which Orders shall be Registered in Course, according to the Dates, and paid in Course, according as the said Orders stand Registered, &c. And the Monies coming in by this Act shall be liable to satisfy the Lenders, without undue Preference, and not diverted to any other Use, nor any Fee taken for Registering, or Searches, on pain of Treble-Damages and Treble-Costs, &c. and no undue Preference in Registry or Payment shall be made, under great Penalties, and loss of Place, &c.

p. 126. Where Tallies or Orders bear Date the same Day, it shall be interpreted no undue Preference, which of those be Entred first, so they be Entred the same Day.

No undue Preference if the Tellers pay Subsequent Orders, before others who bring not their Orders in Course, so as there be Money reserved to satisfy such Precedent Orders; but Interest to cease from the time the Money is so reserved.

Orders Registered may be Assigned, and the Assignee in like manner may Assign again, and so stories continue.

An Abstract of the Act to Repeal several Clauses in the Statute made in the Third and Fourth Years of Her present Majesties Reign, for Securing the Kingdom of England from several Acts lately Passed in the Parliament of Scotland.

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W Hereas by the said Statute it was Enacted, That p. 132. after 25 Dec. 1705. no Persons, &c. Natives of Scotland (except the now settled Inhabitants in England and Dominions thereunto belonging, and continue so, and such as are in Her Majesties Fleet and Army) to be capable to inherit any Lands, &c. in England, Dominions, &c. or Benefit of a Natural-born Subject of England, but adjudged an Alien, &c. until the Succession to the Crown of Scotland be settled by Act of Parliament in Scotland, in the same manner as the Crown of England is now settled, &c. in case of Her Majesties demise without Issue, &c.

Any Person that shall after 20 Feb. 1704. until the Succession be settled, as aforesaid, convey from any Parts in England or Ireland, any Horses, Arms, &c. into Scotland, to forfeit 100 l. and treble the value of such Horses, &c.

That from the said 25 Dec. no Great Cattle or Sheep p. 133. should be brought out of Scotland into England or Ireland, Dominions, &c. on forfeiture of the same, and the value thereof, to the Seizer, &c.

Cattle, &c. so brought contrary to the Act, to be detained four Days, where the Seizure was made; but appearing upon Oath, that they were not brought from Scotland after the said 25 Dec. to be Re-delivered.

If any English or other Cattle or Sheep, &c. by the Owners Privy, were intermixed with Cattle brought out of Scotland, and seized, to be deemed as Scotch Cattle, and subject to the like forfeiture, &c.

Persons prosecuted in pursuance of this Act, to plead p. 135. the General Issue; and if the Plaintiff be Nonsuit, the Defendant to have treble Costs.

That no Scotch Coals shall after the said 25 Dec. be Imported into England or Ireland, Dominions, &c. on forfeiture thereof, &c.

Likewise no Scotch Linen to be Imported, &c. on p. 136. forfeiture thereof, and double the Value, with Costs, &c.

To the end the Friendly Disposition towards Scotland may appear, Enacted, That the said Clauses be from henceforth absolutely Repealed and Vacated, &c.

An Abstract of the Act for Naturalizing of the most Excellent Princess Sophia, Electress and Dutcheß Dowager of Hanover, and the Issue of Her Body.

Anno Quarto ANNÆ Reginae.

E Nacted, That the said Princess Sophia, Electress and p. 139. Dutcheß Dowager of Hanover, and the Issue of Her Body, and all Persons Lineally Descending from Her, born or hereafter to be born, shall be deemed Natural-born Subjects of this Kingdom, &c.

Provided, That every Person, &c. Naturalized by p. 140. this Act, and becoming a Papist, or professing the Romish Religion, shall not enjoy the Advantage of a Natural-born Subject of England, but adjudged an Alien, &c.

L O N D O N,

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